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CROP PRODUCTION - JULY 2014

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Based on July 1 conditions, **barley** production in Utah is forecast at 1.89 million bushels, down 20 percent from the 2013 crop. Acreage harvested is expected to total 22,000 acres, down 8,000 acres from the 30,000 harvested last year. Barley yield is forecast at 86.0 bushels per acre, 7.0 bushels per acre above last year.

As of June 29, Utah's barley crop condition was rated 7 percent fair, 71 percent good, and 22 percent excellent. Barley headed was at 88 percent, compared to 91 percent last year and the 5-year average of 79 percent.

Utah **apricot** production for 2014 is forecast at 190 tons. Estimates for 2013 production will be published on July 17, 2014 in the *Non-Citrus Fruits and Nuts-Annual* report.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production for the 2014 **barley** crop is forecast at 187 million bushels, down 13 percent from 2013. Based on conditions as of July 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 71.2 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from last year. Area harvested for grain or seed, at 2.63 million acres, is unchanged from the previous forecast but down 12 percent from 2013. When compared with last year, yields are expected to decrease throughout much of the United States due to drought conditions in the Pacific Northwest and wet conditions in the Midwest and Northeast. Conversely, adequate moisture in the northern and central Rocky Mountains have lead to expected yield increases in Montana, Utah, and Wyoming.

The 2014 **apricot** crop is forecast at 61,490 tons. The California crop represents 89 percent of the total United States production. Harvest in California began early due to warm spring and summer temperatures. Fruit set was reported to be variable with excellent quality

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